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Dear Parents

I am writing to you regarding the provision for the children of key workers.

You may be aware that the Government has now published advice on the definition of key workers and associated matters. Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision states the following: "If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be." The guidance also states that "Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults." We ask you to observe these guidelines during the period of school closure. In plain language, pupils should seek to avoid extensive or close contact with their friends during the time schools are closed. Please see the following link for further details: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

School will open on Monday 23 March for children of Key workers. All children should come to the main entrance at the Infant site. School will be open from **08.00** for Breakfast Club if required.

Staff from both the Infant and Junior schools will be working collaboratively and it is highly unlikely that the children will be cared for by their class teacher.

The Leadership team will ensure that the staff:pupil ratio meets the legal requirement and that there are trained first aiders and safeguarding staff on site.

Children must attend wearing school uniform. Please ensure that all children bring a labelled water bottle and a piece of fruit.

Please be aware that this is a very different type of provision. It will be about care, not education. This is about keeping children safe and allowing key workers to go to work. All expectations regarding educational provision have been lifted. Schools that provide this care will be free to determine what the provision looks like and what they deem to be best for the pupils they are supporting.

Children should be collected from the main entrance at **15.15**. If your child currently attends our After-School Club, you can continue to use this provision **until 18.00**.

In order to validate key worker status, please ensure you bring your current work identification and/or letters from work confirming your status on Monday morning. Please also complete the attached Information Sheet with contact and medication details for your child. This must be brought with your child when they come to school. Any usual school medication, eg inhaler or Epipen, must be brought in a labelled bag each day.

These are challenging and changing times in school life. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you have any further questions.

Miss McFlynn & Mrs Porter